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SUBJECT: US-UK BILATERAL QUESTION - MONTREAL PRECLEARANCE

REF: LONDON 8249; MONTREAL 826; OTTAWA 4153

1. AT EMBASSY'S REQUEST CONGEN MONTREAL HAS ASSESSED PROBLEMS THAT MAY BE CREATED FOR PRECLEARANCE STAFFS (AND CONSEQUENTLY FOR PASSENGERS) IF BA DIVERTS SIZABLE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC THROUGH MONTREAL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE MAKING THEIR OWN ASSESSMENT PER LONDON'S 8249 BUT MONTREAL'S 826 SEEMS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WITHOUT MAJOR INCREASE IN STAFFS (WHICH WE SUSPECT WOULD BE DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT QUICKLY) THERE WILL BE SIGNIFICANT INCONVENIENCE AND DELAY FOR NORMAL TRAFFIC.

2. IF DEPARTMENT DECIDES ON APPROACH TO GOC FOR ASSISTANCE ON THIS ISSUE, ONE POSSIBLY INFLUENTIAL ARGUMENT WOULD BE JEOPARDY TO SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF PRECLEARANCE SYSTEM WHICH PROVIDES IMPORTANT BENEFITS TO CANADIAN PUBLIC. PRECLEARANCE IS, OF COURSE, ALSO IMPORTANT TO U.S. FLAG
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